

**HAMPTON BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT
MEETING
March 13, 2013**

Present

Chuck Rage, Chairman & Commissioner
Maureen Buckley, Commissioner
Robert Ladd, Commissioner
Steve La Branche, Treasurer

Chairman Rage called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Warrant and Election information

Richard Reniere, Moderator, discussed the upcoming election. The Annual Meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, March 29, 2013 at the Beach Fire Station. Voting will take place from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All voters must provide an approved voter ID to comply with the new law passed by the New Hampshire legislature. The last day to submit absentee ballots is Friday, March 29th, by 5:00 p.m. These are available through Janet Allard, District Clerk, at 929-1170.

Hampton Area Chamber of Commerce

Doc Noel said the Chamber had their annual meeting and awards ceremony recently. Paul Lepere, Hampton Real Estate, is the new Chairman. Mr. Noel said he sincerely thanks the Hampton Beach Village District for their support over the years.

Mr. Noel discussed frequency of guest inquiries at the Chamber. Total inquiries for the summer season of 2012 were 37,400.

The new Vacation Guides for 2013 are out. Mr. Noel noted that the cost of mailing is up, but it is necessary to use it. Mr. Noel discussed the Chamber's Monthly Newsletter and said if anyone wants anything included in it to let the Chamber know.

Commissioner Ladd asked if there was any input on how the state store will be used this year. Mr. Noel said no, but they have made suggestions. However, it is the state's property.

Chairman Rage said he had been working with the Hampton Beach Area Commission to put something else in that space that will appeal to children like Blue Ocean. Michael Pierce, Selectman, said he would support the Commissioners on this.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

Commissioner Ladd said he would be very supportive of Blue Ocean in the state store space.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Commissioner Buckley, seconded by Commissioner Ladd, to approve the Minutes of February 6, 2013 and February 13, 2013.

Vote: 3 yes, 0 no. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

John Kane, Marketing Director, passed out a bid from FedEx for mailing. He said this was the lowest cost he could find and FedEx can take care of everything.

The tri-fold is out. Mailing will be done shortly.

Mr. Kane discussed the damage to residences caused by storms. Commissioner Ladd asked if the Village District should do any assessing and advisement of residents about preparing for storms. Mr. Kane said the Building Department is very active along these lines.

The 2013 season is ready to go. Unfortunately the marathons had to be cancelled due to snow. Mr. Kane said he is looking forward to working with Mr. Noel and Mr. French.

Mr. Kane said he wanted to acknowledge a person who has done a lot of work for the Seacoast area – Doc Noel, who was honored as “Man of the Year”.

Closing Comments

Chairman Rage urged everyone to vote. There are not a lot of warrant articles, but there is an important budget that must be approved.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Rice
Secretary